



**ST. MARY’S COUNTY
2001 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE**

St. Mary's County is located along the shores of the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers, stretching southward to the Chesapeake Bay. The shoreline, 400 miles of waterways, is indented with hundreds of small bays, creeks, rivers and streams. Much of this land has remained farmland, and still retains much of the untouched charm the settlers found over 300 years ago.

In the farm area, tobacco is the leading product produced totaling 3.9 million pounds. Maryland tobacco, Type 32, is used in cigarettes both in the United States and abroad. Corn and soybeans are also extensively grown.

Although tobacco farming provides a lot of the atmosphere and much of the income of this county, it is a modern, progressive area with many resources and industries; factories, seafood, resorts, Patuxent Naval Base, to name a few.

St. Mary's County, with its close and convenient access to Washington, Baltimore, and Richmond, has become one of the fastest growing areas in the State. The county’s population increased 13 percent from 1990 to 86,211 in 2001.

ST. MARY’S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Crop	Year	Unit	Acreage Harvested	Average Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain	1999	Bu.	6,900	72.0	496,800
	2000		9,000	141.2	1,271,000
	2001		9,000	133.2	1,199,000
Corn for Silage	1999	Tons.	*	*	*
	2000		*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
Soybeans	1999	Bu.	13,200	16.7	220,600
	2000		15,500	40.0	620,000
	2001		17,600	38.0	669,000
Wheat	1999	Bu.	5,700	54.3	309,300
	2000		5,300	49.7	263,600
	2001		4,800	59.0	283,000
Hay	1999	Tons.	7,000	2.5	17,400
	2000		9,500	2.2	21,000
	2001				
Barley	1999	Bu.	1,100	83.0	91,300
	2000		1,300	99.3	129,100
	2001		1,400	72.1	100,900
Tobacco	1999	Lbs.	2,600	1,495	3,886,300
	2000		2,400	1,500	3,598,500
	2001				

Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 2001				Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 ¹	
Corn	16	Oats	³	Cattle	12
Wheat	14	Barley	10	Hogs	2
Hay	10	Soybeans	13	Sheep	15
Tobacco	1			Milk Cows	³

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<i>Farm Numbers & Size</i> ¹	1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms	754	673	621
Average Size (acres)	107	115	116
Land in Farms (acres)	80,493	77,491	71,890

<i>Livestock (Number on Farms)</i> ¹	1987	1992	1997
Cattle Inventory Jan. 1	4,917	4,596	5,372
Hog Inventory Dec. 1	17,542	18,042	9,733
Sheep Inventory Jan. 1	314	194	325

<i>Value of Sales</i> ¹	1987	1992	1997
<i>----- Thousand Dollars -----</i>			
All Products	13,271	16,349	21,056
Crops	7,876	11,656	17,549
Livestock, Poultry and Poultry Products	5,396	4,692	3,506

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.
² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
³ Unranked - Data not published.
⁴ Revised.
* Acreage too small to publish.

MONTHLY WEATHER DATA - 2001

MONTH	AVERAGE TEMP. (F)	NORMAL 1961-1990	TOTAL RAINFALL (INCHES)	NORMAL 1961-1990
January	35.0	33.3	3.90	3.46
February	41.4	36.3	1.56	3.38
March	50.4	45.7	4.64	3.97
April	55.2	54.4	4.25	3.41
May	66.1	63.9	2.98	4.12
June	73.5	71.9	4.08	4.06
July	72.3	76.2	9.44	4.22
August	73.0	74.6	5.35	4.06
September	66.3	67.9	5.32	3.75
October	57.3	56.8	.03	3.43
November	44.8	47.6	2.62	3.51
December	30.9	38.2	4.58	3.34
Annual	55.5	55.6	45.83	44.71

Number frost free days for 2001	211
Normal frost free days 1961-1990	199
Highest temperature 06-11-00	92
Lowest temperature 01-29-00	6

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